

November 7, 2016

Commission Minutes

Bobby Beagan, Dick Williamson, Mike Ensley, Jim Marotta, Mara Huston; Kayla McNamara, Aquatics, Park and Recreation Director. Pat Brown, Selectman, Susan Berry, Fin-Com

Minutes from October 2016. Discussion on some of the statements in the minutes taken by Dick. A motion was made to table the discussion on the minutes and have everyone make their own edits and forward them to Dick. He will incorporate the changes in the minutes and prepare new minutes for the next meeting. Mike seconded the motion. Passed 4-0

Public Comment: None

Kayla McNamara Report – Kayla stated she would be on vacation through the Thanksgiving holiday. She informed the Commission that a Program Coordinator had been hired and a final reference check was being done on the finalist for the Asst. Aquatics Director position. Both candidates are scheduled to start on November 28, 2016. CPC requests must be submitted by November 8, 2016 at the latest. Kayla updated the Commission on the difficulty of staffing lifeguard and front desk positions at this time. She is in discussion with the Town Manager to possibly increase the hourly rate for the lifeguards to \$11.00 beginning in January, rather than July 1. Kayla gave the Commissioners an update on the Financials for the Field Enterprise fund and the Atkinson Pool Enterprise Fund. Kayla stated that she and Melissa still need to review the permit fees and expenses over this past year to see what type of changes have to be made in order to not have a shortfall like last year. The Park and Recreation Commissioners expressed interest in participating in the Field meeting Kayla will have with the user groups. The high school use of town fields was also discussed and Mara suggested including representatives from the LSRHS and Sudbury Elementary Public schools at the field meeting. Jim suggested the Field User group meeting be held at night in early December.

FinCom- Susan Berry, FinCom representative, requested to attend the Commission meeting as a result of the Special Town Meeting discussions on replacement costs for Turf 1 and Turf 2 at the LSRHS field. She hoped to learn more about plans and funding for replacement of the other turf fields in town. She stated the earlier discussion during Kayla's report indicated that the Field Enterprise Fund is not going to be able to cover the costs of replacing the turf at Cutting or the Community Field at the LSRHS. She was interested in the early agreements on the fields and looking for feedback from the Commissioners on any funding plans in place. Jim Marotta stated he felt procedures had been put in place, but were not followed in the case of the Community Field. He said the Community Field agreement the LSRHS was supposed to set up a separate account to collect all fees that were paid to rent the field and use of the lights. Kayla said she speaks with Athletic Dir. regularly requests to use the LSRHS fields. She refers all requests for light usage to the Athletic Dept. and they collect the fees.

Jim M. suggested having a FinCom member attend the next Field User Group meeting. After the discussion, Susan stated that moving forward she felt it was very important to understand how the money comes in regarding field usage, how it is spent, and to have a plan to replace the turf fields in the future.

The Melone property was brought up in discussion. Pat Brown stated the Town is looking at the property and discussing what the best use of it is. They are also looking to see what type of interest different groups have in the property. Bobby Beagan said he did not see Park and Recreation's interest in this property moving ahead of the other CPA requests. Mike Ensley stated he did not want to give up on this property as a recreation location. Dick W. agreed that it should be pursued and commented it was viewed as having recreation potential in the past. It was also stated that the CPA request for Field Consulting will help with determining the needs of the town.

Dick W. noted that abutters were asked for opinions on the impact of the Station development. He said that since TI Sales is an abutter the Park and Recreation Commission could comment on the issue. Dick distributed a proposed statement from the Park and Recreation Commission.

The draft of Dick's proposed statement from the Commission was edited to read "The Sudbury Park and Recreation Department and Commission are concerned about the Parkinson Parcel as it relates to the Village at Sudbury Station development. The Parkinson Parcel usually referred to as the TI-Sales field sits just to the west at the foot of the steep slope on which the proposed Village at Sudbury Station would be constructed. We have a number of concerns regarding the development and the impact on the Parkinson Parcel including traffic, trash, storm water runoff. These concerns could impact the playability of the field.

Discussion continued until Mike Ensley recommended postponing discussion until the next meeting since it wasn't on the agenda for tonight.

Featherland Tennis Courts CPA Request – Mara gave a recap of the past history and discussions on the Featherland Tennis Courts. She stated that the CPA deadline is tomorrow and that if approved the Commission could still submit the Featherland Tennis Court project as a CPA request.

Mara Huston prepared new CPA paperwork based on the cost of \$175,000. 4 tennis courts or 2 tennis courts and 2 basketball courts.

Mike Ensley stated he was not in favor of submitting the Featherland CPA request at this time since it was voted down last year by the residents as a capital request. In addition, the Commission had already decided not to submit Featherland as CPA request this year, but it was slated to be on the list in the next Fiscal Year. He felt it was very important to do a better job preparing for the renovation of Featherland and to make sure the need was there before putting in the request again.

Bobby Beagan gave some history on CPA requests and said the CPC usually looks favorably when user groups, friend's groups or other funding sources are used in addition to the CPA money to fund the request. Bobby also stated he felt the Featherland Tennis courts should be replaced using Town money and not CPA funds.

Dick Williamson said the tennis users may not be as organized as other groups and therefore would not have money to put towards the CPA request.

Jim M requested the minutes reflect the Commission has received many emails supporting the need to replace the Featherland tennis courts. Kayla McNamara stated she does not receive a lot of calls looking

to rent the tennis courts. Jim M stated he would allow 15 minutes of public comment by those residents attending the meeting to express their views.

The residents expressed their dismay that the courts were taken down in the first place and not immediately replaced. They felt the courts should be replaced and renovation of the courts at Featherland fit the CPA parameters. In addition, the residents did not feel the Commission should be looking for additional funds to come from the users. The residents did not seem to care if there were two or four courts. In addition, the residents stated that four courts would allow the LSRHS to have JV tennis team matches.

Mike Ensley's view was that in order for the CPA request to be successful there should be some funding from another source in addition to the CPA funds.

Mara made a motion to have the Park and Recreation Commission submit the CPA request for a \$175,000 multi-sport court reconstruction at Featherland Park.

Mike appended the request to add that The Featherland request would be submitted as the third request in order of preference from the Park and Recreation Commission. Mike explained he felt this was a last minute effort to submit the request and not enough research and planning had been completed on the request.

The motion was passed 4-1.

Park and Recreation Commission Rail Trail Appointment - Dick Williamson expressed interest in being appointed the Park and Recreation Commission representative to the Rail Trail. Mara stated that Dick is the most educated on the topic.

Mike agreed, but stated that Dick has a history of pushing his agenda and not the Park and Recreation agenda and does not report all the information back to the Commission. Mara and Mike cannot be the representative since they area butters. Dick stated he could be objective as the representative and would be reporting all the information back to the Commission. He disagreed with Mike, but he understood the concern and stated he would do a better job of reporting all the information from the Rail Tail meetings back to the Park and Recreation Commission.

Bobby and Jim had no interest in being on the Rail Trail Committee.

A motion was made to appoint Dick Williamson as the Park and Recreation Commission representative to the Rail Trail Task Force.

The motion received a second and was approve 4-1.

Fairbank Task Force - Jim M gave a brief update on the Task Force and stated there was movement to get a financial feasibility study done rather that an architectural study done. This would give a better picture of what it will take to run the facility and how much revenue would have to be produced in addition to any funds from the Town of Sudbury. Jim stated that all needs are being considered.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.